



PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 292nd meeting held on 26th September 2011 in Portobello Baptist Church Hall

Present: Sandra Blake, Archie Burns, Celia Butterworth, Diana Cairns, Dawson Currie, Maria Devoy, Robert Gatliff (Joppa Tennis Courts Club), Lilian Graham, Caroline Hosking, Joe Madden (Portobello Open Door), Brenda Molony (*Portobello Reporter*), David Scott (Portobello Community Centre), John Stewart (PAS), Nick Stroud, Eva Schonveld (PEDAL), Ros Sutherland (PPAG), Leon Thompson, Anne Ward (PCATS), Sean Watters (Towerbank Parents Council), Frances Wraith (Brightons & Rosefield Residents).

Apologies: Tom Ballantine, Sheila Gilmore M.P., Lawrence Marshall (Portobello Older People's Project), Andrew Patterson (Portobello Council of Churches).

In attendance: Cllr Mike Bridgman, Cllr Maureen Child, Cllr Stephen Hawkins, Ben McLeish (Gilberstoun Residents), Andy Matheson (CEC), Phil Noble (CEC), Katie Quinn (CEC), Allyson Thomson (CEC), John Young (Portobello Police), and some 30 members of the public.

292.1 Chair's welcome

John Stewart welcomed everyone to the meeting, including two new group representatives: Robert Gatliff for Joppa Tennis Courts Club, and Eva Schonveld for the environmental transition group PEDAL. He then introduced Andy Matheson (East Area Roads Manager) and Phil Noble (senior member of the City Development department) of the City Council to describe their plans for integrating cycling on to the Promenade, reminding the meeting that this had become legal when the City Council made the Promenade part of its Core Path Network in 2008.

292.2 Cycling and the Promenade: proposed changes to signage

Phil Noble summarised the challenges of integrating cyclists and pedestrians on the Promenade. He had visited the Prom on a sunny day and found it busy, with people relaxing, children playing and lots going on. He noted several 'pinch points' and dangerous access points along the Prom, and observed that the key to successful integration was that people had to 'behave responsibly'. He was aware of at least one accident between a cyclist and a pedestrian.

The Council's intention was to provide two types of signage. The first type was based on a 'code of conduct' used in Hyde Park, where a previous ban on cycling had been lifted a few years ago. This would be displayed at the main access points on to the Prom, and would tell cyclists to use their bells, to give way to pedestrians, to pass people slowly, and to stop if necessary. It would tell pedestrians to listen for bells, to allow cyclists to pass, and to control dogs. The second type would be smaller 'repeater' signs all along the Prom, showing pedestrians above cyclists and each carrying one message such as "please give way to pedestrians", "please control dogs", "please pass people slowly", "please listen for rings", "please look out for children and the elderly". The aim would be to establish that pedestrians have priority with cyclists "permitted as guests". The next stage would be to carry out an audit of access points and devise ways of making them safer, for example by steering people away from 'blind' access points to ensure mutual visibility.

An extended question-and-answer session followed (summarised in an appendix). John Stewart summarised this by noting that the main anxiety was cyclists travelling at excessive speed, where what was 'excessive' depended on how crowded the Prom was at the time. There were also considerable anxieties about the safety of children, the elderly and the disabled. John thanked everyone who had contributed to the discussion, and asked Phil and Andy to report the results of their consultations and their detailed plans to a future meeting of the Community Council before implementing any change.

292.3 Police report

John Young apologised for having had to miss the August meeting through operational challenges, and circulated a very full report to the meeting. He had tried to get in touch with the five Neighbourhood Watch

schemes operating in Portobello, with mixed results; while the police support these schemes, it is the responsibility of local residents to keep them going. Anyone who wants to join a local scheme or set up a new one can contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team for help (details at end of minutes). Police officers were working with local shops to combat vandalism, and were discussing an increase in CCTV coverage with the Community Safety Team; they would welcome suggestions from the Community Council for the location of extra CCTV cameras. The police had fined several people for urinating in public places, and had arrested several people for stealing motorbikes and/or driving them recklessly, though both problems remained; he asked that anyone seeing antisocial behaviour with motorbikes should report the fullest possible details to the police. There had been 45 crimes in September, with 40% already solved; vandalism and the theft of pedal cycles had increased slightly, and the police were dealing with particular antisocial problems in the areas of Williamfield Square and Rosefield Park. The police presence on the Promenade over the Summer had been a success; almost 700 people had visited Craigmillar Police Station on Open Doors Day and appreciated the range of demonstrations provided. There would be more police patrols on foot and on bikes.

The police arrange local 'walkabouts' from time to time to identify neighbourhood priorities; the next one was scheduled for the Coillesdene Sheltered Housing Complex at 2pm on Tuesday 22nd November. Anyone who cannot attend this can contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team for a priority questionnaire.

(Sgt. Young's full report is included at the end of these minutes.)

Sgt. Young made several further points in response to questions. It is illegal for drivers to idle the engine while their vehicle is parked, and the police can deal with this if it is a problem, for example in the vicinity of the bingo hall in Bath Street. The police are aware of antisocial parking in Fishwives' Causeway and are dealing with it. Various methods are employed to deal with children who are seen misbehaving on CCTV.

Mike Bridgman chairs the Neighbourhood Partnership's Safety sub-group, and congratulated the police on their success in reducing crime in the Portobello area.

292.4 Environmental update

Katie Quinn introduced Allyson Thomson, who would be our contact at the East Neighbourhood Office when Katie is at University.

Katie reported on the Council's latest recycling initiatives, which included offering rewards for people putting out their boxes, and a new experimental food recycling service. The City Council had published its report on coping with Winter weather following extensive work by the Neighbourhood Partnership, and would be publishing key advice online and on paper this Winter; the main request had been for better communication, and this was being addressed. Ben McLeish pointed out that Gilberstoun had been almost cut off for two weeks last Winter, and asked to be involved in future consultations.

Dawson Currie asked what had happened to the grid in Rosefield Park that was designed to trap debris before it could block the culvert, but which had itself become choked with weed and been removed. Katie agreed to find out about this.

Andy Matheson summarised the plans for resurfacing Portobello High Street in October, regretting that it had proved essential for some of the work to be carried out overnight; local residents would be notified about this.

(The 'Winter Weather' report is online as item 9 at

http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/2505/policy_and_strategy_committee)

(Details of the resurfacing work in Portobello High Street:

http://www.edinburghnp.org.uk/media/178002/portobello_high_street_resurfacing_works_-_resident_letter.pdf)

- * **Action: Katie Quinn to find out about reinstating the grid in the burn in Rosefield Park.**

292.5 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Peter McColl pointed out that he had apologised for missing the meeting, and Sandra Blake observed that she had been present.

Diana Cairns asked for item 291.4 to be reworded to say that “It was suggested that a cafe would be preferable”, and pointed out that the flooding reported in item 291.5h was in *West Brighton Crescent*.

Stephen Hawkins asked for a correction to item 291.7, and pointed out that item 291.9 should mention jet-skis as well as motorbikes, since these too could be used antisocially.

With these corrections the minutes were accepted: proposed by Diana Cairns, seconded by Ben McLeish.

292.6 Matters arising

292.6a ‘Town Centre sub-group’ (291.3). Ben McLeish reported that the first meeting had had to be postponed several times because of Sarah Woodford’s unavailability, but should take place shortly.

* **292.6b** Clarification of relationship of Joppa Tennis Courts Club to the Community Council (291.4). This item was deferred to the October meeting.

* **292.6c** People urinating in Bath Street (291.5a). Nick Stroud had written to Mark Turley as requested and received a response; he had yet to return a subsequent telephone call.

292.6d Vandalism in shops and Neighbourhood Watch schemes (290.5b,c). *See 292.3 above.*

* **292.6e** Office bearers to plan speakers and topics for future meetings (291.5m). *Ongoing.*

* **292.6f** VAT on privatised Council services (291.7). Stephen Hawkins thought that this would not have a significant impact on the provision of services, but Ben McLeish thought that it would. Stephen agreed to examine the issue further, and Ben agreed to supply him with further information.

* **Action: Ben McLeish to supply Stephen Hawkins with more information regarding VAT on privatised Council services.**

292.6g Letter to City Council Chief Executive about privatisation of services (291.7). Sandra had circulated the draft of this letter and it would be sent shortly.

292.6h Data Protection and the Community Survey (291.8). Sean Watters reported that the survey would not breach Data Protection regulations provided that people’s names and addresses were used only for the prize draw and deleted immediately afterwards.

292.6i Community Council at the Village Show (291.8). Diana Cairns had drawn up the rota for the stall as requested. John Stewart reported that the event had been very successful.

292.6j Motorbikes in Gilberstoun (291.9). *See item 292.3 above.*

292.6k Cafe at 100 Portobello High Street (291.10e). John Stewart had commented as requested.

292.6l Portobello planning applications (291.10e). Joe Madden had added a link to the Community Council website pointing to the planning summary in *Porty Online*, as suggested by Maria Devoy.

292.7 Agree Agenda and AOB

Ros Sutherland asked to table PPAG’s statement about its legal action. Peter McColl asked for the Community Council’s support for a wind turbine at Seafield.

292.8 Celebrating Christmas

Nick Stroud asked if there was any interest in reviving the Community Council’s role of previous years in facilitating the switch-on of our Christmas lights with the participation of local schools. Sean Watters volunteered to see if Towerbank would like to be involved; Maria Devoy suggested that Andrew Patterson might be interested in helping with this.

292.9 Reports

292.9a Police: *see item 292.3 above.*

292.9b Treasurer: Leon Thompson reported outgoings of £231.03 for insurance for tourist boards and plaques, and £10 for the Community Council stall at the Village Show. The City Council’s grant of £798.68 had been received, so there was now £2,294.80 in the account.

292.9c Environmental Update: *see item 292.4 above.*

292.9d Neighbourhood Partnership: Dawson Currie had attended the latest meeting while Peter McColl was away. The main item of business had been on the report on dealing with Winter weather. The next meeting would be on 30th November in Portobello.

292.9e Planning: John Stewart reported on new applications to build 400 dwellings at Newcraighall. The Amenity Society, the Gilberstoun Residents' Association and other community councils had objected, since the plans do not accord with Lothian and Edinburgh development and housing plans, and threaten a greenfield site. It was agreed that the Community Council would also object, and Ben McLeish agreed to do this, circulating the draft letter before sending it to the case officer by the extended deadline the following week.

John further reported that McCarthy & Stone proposed to build retirement homes on the former British Legion site, and were keen to consult local community councils. They proposed to hold a presentation about this in the Town Hall, probably on 25th October; John would circulate further details when he knew them.

Diana Cairns reported that there would soon be a public inquiry about the application for a superstore on the Big W site, and suggested that the Community Council should be represented at this. John Stewart agreed to give evidence on behalf of the Community Council.

- * **Action: Ben McLeish to object to plans to build 400 houses at Newcraighall.**
- * **Action: John Stewart to circulate details of the McCarthy & Stone presentation.**
- * **Action: John Stewart to give evidence at the 'Big W' public inquiry on the Community Council's behalf.**

292.9f Signs and Plaques: Celia Butterworth reported that the Geology Board had been repaired and the lectern was about to be. The board could then be reinstated within the agreed £200 budget.

292.9g Community Centre: David Scott reported that the next management meeting would be held on Tuesday 11th October.

292.9h Councillors

Maureen Child circulated her usual written report, adding that she had just heard that Pizza Hut at 195 Portobello High Street had been granted an extension to its licence, so that it would be able to remain open until midnight Sunday to Thursday, and 1am on Fridays and Saturdays; this would be a six-month trial.

Stephen Hawkins reported that progress was being made to restart the work to restore the damaged kiln, and that a solicitor would be checking the deeds for the Baptist Church as part of the effort to restore our old civic clock.

Mike Bridgman had covered several of his activities in the course of the meeting. He regretted that Scotland's eight Police Services and eight Fire & Rescue Services were being merged into single authorities.

292.10 Any Other Business

292.10a PPAG report

Ros Sutherland circulated a report from the Portobello Park Action Group explaining that the timing of the Group's legal action depended on legal advice they had received; she agreed to provide details of the Evening News article(s) referenced in the report. Maureen Child responded that the Council's legal advice had been different.

- * **Action: Ros Sutherland to provide details of the Evening News article(s) quoted in the report.**

292.10b Wind turbine at Seafield

Peter McColl and Eva Schonveld outlined PEDAL's plans to erect a wind turbine at Seafield, and requested Community Council support for their funding application. In response to questions they pointed out that the cost of capturing wind energy is steadily decreasing, and is now comparable to that of a coal-fired power station. The electricity would be sold to the National Grid to generate anything up to £40,000 a year for community projects (depending on the size of turbine installed). Key advantages of the chosen site are that it will affect very few residential properties, and that Scottish Water, the site's owner, will take cheap electricity in lieu of rent. The project would be funded by a mix of bank loan and community share issue,

and at this stage all that was needed was community support in principle, to help get the funding to develop the project proposal more fully. It was agreed that the Community Council should support this project.

- * **Action: Nick Stroud to write, giving the Community Council's support in principle for the proposal to erect a wind turbine at Seafield.**

292.11 Future meetings

Meetings are held on the final Monday of each month, except July and December, at 7:30pm, in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 Portobello High Street, Edinburgh EH15 1EU.

The next meeting is on 31st October 2011

Subsequent dates are: 28th November 2011
30th January 2012 (no meeting in December)
27th February 2012
26th March 2012

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Summary of points made during discussion of cycling on the Promenade

- Q:** The Promenade is heavily used by families with young children; young children move very unpredictably, and could easily be badly injured or even killed if hit by a cyclist. Cyclists won't take much notice of the signs, and should be made to dismount at certain points; the entire plan needs to be re-thought.
- A:** It is difficult to get cyclists to dismount, and barriers will impede everyone. The aim is therefore simply to make collisions "less likely".
- Q:** Speed is a major problem; how can this be restricted?
- A:** The plans for the signs are not finalised, and other aspects could be incorporated.
- Q:** A cyclist pointed out that the current signs ban cycling but are widely ignored; he agreed that speed is an issue but felt that 'responsible cycling' is acceptable. He would be prepared to get off his bike and push it when motorists get out of their cars and push them.
- Q:** A child was recently concussed when knocked down by a cyclist outside the Towerbank playground. The mother suggested that schools should help to create the new signs. Children should not be expected to walk predictably on the Prom.
- A:** Andy Matheson agreed that it might be useful to liaise with the school safety officer.
- Q:** A member of the public who had done a lot of work with signage observed that it was vital to emphasise key points more than the present proposals did; for example, it was essential that cyclists stop in certain circumstances. She circulated a document summarising antisocial behaviour, pointing out that cycling on the Prom presented a significant safety issue for hundreds of thousands of people. Cycling too fast would definitely be antisocial behaviour, and must be dealt with as such.
- Q:** The Promenade used to be a place where people could feel safe, confident and relaxed, but cyclists would take that away, particularly from the elderly and those with sensory difficulties such as sight and hearing loss. Commuting cyclists don't make sufficient allowance for people who may not realise they are there, let alone how fast they are travelling.
- Q:** How can good behaviour by cyclists be enforced, when the police are too busy to take it on?
- Q:** Is there any research into how fast cyclists travel, and what constitutes 'speeding'? The accusation that cyclists travel too quickly on the Prom seems unjust.
- A:** Speed is relative, and is a much more serious issue on a crowded Prom than on an empty one, when even 5mph might be too fast.
- Q:** A cyclist felt that the vast majority of cyclists were responsible but that a minority caused problems.
- Q:** Cyclists prefer the Promenade because roads are so dangerous. Research is currently being undertaken in Wales using CCTV monitoring to see how well cyclists and pedestrians interact.
- Q:** Better signs would be more emphatic, for example using red where it is essential to stop.
- A:** There are legal requirements for road signage, but the Council could check this aspect.
- Q:** Pedestrians and cyclists feel they will just be left to deal with the consequences of the new regime; will there be any follow-up monitoring to check that it is working satisfactorily?
- A:** The aim is to ensure that everyone will feel OK on the Prom. It might be possible to install instruments to monitor cyclists' speed.
- Q:** It would be better to use people as observers rather than machines.
- A:** That option will be considered.
- Q:** It is good that the pedestrians are shown as larger than the bikes on the proposed signs.
- Q:** Are the signs likely to change cyclists' behaviour?
- A:** Probably not much, but "it's a hard one to call". There is no obvious way to get cyclists to slow down without impeding others, for example wheelchair users, and it would be expensive.

- Q: Careful cyclists are not the problem, but fast ones can be; why can't the signs show a maximum speed limit?
- A: That could be considered, but it would require a traffic regulation order, and there would be problems in enforcing it. Once again, it is not absolute speed that is the problem, but unreasonable speed in particular circumstances, such as on crowded days.
- Q: The police had told the Community Council several years previously that they could not enforce speed limits for cyclists, but they do have the option of prosecuting people who cycle dangerously. The problem would be to do this consistently, all day, day in day out.
- Q: Cyclists are already behaving more selfishly since the lifting of the ban became known, even though the current 'banned' signs have not been removed. The present proposal is very worrying.
- Q: More cyclists might be prepared to use Portobello High Street instead of the Promenade if the High Street made better provision for them; at present it feels very unsafe for cyclists.
- Q: Could the Promenade be widened at its particularly narrow points to reduce the chance of conflict?
- A: There are no current proposals to do this since it would be difficult, though that may change when the Waterfront project takes over the Promenade.
- Q: The narrow section is effectively a 'traffic-calming' feature and should be retained.
- Q: A cyclist agreed that excessive speed is the main problem, with some cyclists not showing sufficient consideration for others. It isn't only the side streets that are access points on to the Prom, but also people's homes, and it's easy for cyclists to overlook that. And sounding a bell will not make any difference to a pedestrian who is listening to a music player. Also, a cyclist ringing a bell can easily be perceived as saying: "I'm coming through, get out of my way".
- A: It is a difficult matter to tell cyclists to use the bell; these points are all valid, and a cyclist ringing a bell can indeed seem to be aggressive, but on balance this is felt to be the best advice.
- Q: The local cycling campaign group SPOKES is well aware of many of the issues raised, for example in relation to canal towpaths, and has mounted a 'polite cycling' campaign to help ease tensions around this. SPOKES would be happy to help with an 'education exercise' on the Prom, being sympathetic to the concerns of all local people, and wanting to make cycling as safe as possible.
- A: The City Council would be very happy to work with SPOKES on this.
- Q: A cyclist thought the existing signs should be retained, as 'cycling is banned here' sends the right message to cyclists and gives the police the essential authority to enforce good behaviour. More people should cycle, and it's good that the number of cyclists is steadily increasing, but cyclists shouldn't be allowed to think they have any rights on the Promenade.
- Q: It is sad that parents are going to have to warn their children to watch out for bikes, and not to be carefree in what should be a carefree environment for them. The Promenade is for walking on.
- Q: The father of a three-year-old child knocked down by a cyclist on the Promenade is himself a cyclist, but objects to permitting cycling on the Prom. He thinks cyclists would be less careful if cycling were legalised. The message needs to be that this is a shared space; leafleting would help to reinforce this message, and spot checks should be carried out to see how it works out in practice.
- Q: What is the timescale for consultation and implementation? Is there any opportunity for further refining?
- A: The process will be slowed down as a result of the agreement to involve local schools; consultation could take several months, after which it would take two or three weeks to make and mount new signs.
- Q: It is important to retain the existing signs until the new ones are ready.
- A: Andy Matheson reported that he had been resisting pressure to remove these signs for some time.
- Q: The Waterfront Project envisages upgrading the 17km of Edinburgh's seafront with a walkway and cycleway, and any local design initiatives should be integrated with this overall one to ensure a world-class waterfront.
- Q: Edinburgh is not an easy city to cycle in, because of its hills, its roads and its level of traffic, which is why people are causing problems throughout the city by cycling on pavements. The roads are too scary.

A: The City Council is always looking for opportunities to create new cycle-ways to enable cyclists to avoid roads, and would indeed be opening one from Leith to Seafield shortly. This would be linked to the Prom.

Q: Will this result in more cyclists using the Promenade?

A: The feeling is that most cyclists would not be intending to go right through Portobello.

Q: The roads next to the Prom have a 20mph speed limit, so it is incongruous to have no speed limit on the Promenade.

A: It might be that the 20mph speed limit applies everywhere north of the High Street, which would include the Promenade.

Q: How many people have been prosecuted for cycling offences on the Promenade?

A: Unknown.

Q: A cyclist asked if dog owners would be required to use short leads.

Portobello Community Council Police Report

The past month has been an extremely busy month for both the force and local police stations against a backdrop of the unrest in a number of cities in England, high profile demonstrations in Edinburgh and the Festival Fireworks.

Portobello/Joppa Beat Update

Actions:

Neighbourhood Watch

There are currently 5 Neighbourhood Watch Schemes (NHW) in Portobello/Joppa. The profile/activities of NHW is very much left to the residents in the scheme and the co-ordinator with police support ie attendance at meetings provided on request. The NHW co-ordinators and residents been contacted and where requested the Police Newsletter has been circulated to them either by email or post.

If any residents wished to set up a NHW scheme or make contact with their NHW co-ordinator they can contact the **SNT office 0131-652-4147** or alternatively email **ADivSNTCraigmillarPortobello@lbp.pnn.police.uk**.

Vandalisms to Shops

We have made contact with a number of local shop owners and officers have been encouraged to increase this contact. We have increased patrols and provided shops with crime preventative advice to assist in tackling the issue. This will continue to be monitored.

Urinating in Bath Street

Safer Neighbourhood Team officers have been and will continue to patrol this area resulting in a number of fixed penalty tickets having been issued. Unfortunately our resources are limited and call demand and nature of calls dictate where these resources are deployed.

Anti-Social use of Motorcycles

As you may be aware there has been a recent upsurge in motorbikes being ridden in an anti-social manner or as the result of other criminal activity. There has been a notable problem with thefts of high-powered motorcycles and dangerous riding of these machines that put the public/police and the riders at significant risk. Operation Dime was instigated to address this. A number of individuals have been targeted and arrests have followed.

The anti-social use of motorcycles around the ward has been sporadic, however continues and is the cause of complaint from residents and community groups. We have taken a variety of steps to try and tackle this problem. We have also increased patrols in areas affected by anti-social use of off-road motorcycles resulting in a number of motorcycles being seized and individuals reported for road traffic offences, using anti-social behaviour legislation. We have been supported by the Edinburgh Community Safety Teams and youth outreach workers.

We do continue to rely on the support of the public to report incidents when they happen. We need information about who is committing these offences and where illegal or stolen motorcycles are being stored. A description of persons and clothing along with details of type of bike, make, colour, distinguishing features, stickers etc are also of benefit.

Information can be passed anonymously to Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 or to your SNT officers, contact details below.

Crime Update

There have been 45 crimes recorded during September with 40% having so far been solved. Crimes related to pedal cycle theft and vandalism have seen a slight increase.

An increase in anti-social behaviour has been noted in the Williamfield and Rosefield areas and resources are being directed to tackle it.

Safer Neighbourhood Team – On the Beat

Constables Graham Peirs and Scott McLennan have had a busy Summer attending a number of local community meetings and events including Big Things on the Beach, Regatta and Operation Drift (High profile policing of the Promenade). Op Drift was a success resulting in a significant decrease in complaints of anti-social behaviour despite large crowds of people on the days we had sunshine! A number of persons attended at the police caravan to have their bikes security-marked and on occasions when children became lost they were quickly reunited with their parent(s).

We have also increased patrols using the Force's Mounted Section, foot patrols and on mountain bikes, and additional officers have now been trained.

We continue to listen to local concerns and work with partner agencies, volunteer groups and residents who are seeking both short and long term solutions. Graham and Scott have attended multi-agency local walkabouts in the Portobello/Joppa area to listen and act on issues raised.

The next walkabout has been arranged at 2pm on Tuesday 22nd November 2011 at Coillesdene Sheltered Housing Complex.

If you cannot attend please email the SNT mailbox or phone the office to request a priority questionnaire so we can act on your concerns.

Community Engagement – You Said, We Did.

Local Policing Priorities

These policing priorities were set at the Community Safety Sub Group meeting:

1. Tackle and reduce fly-tipping at Greendykes and Wauchope areas.
2. Improve road safety around local primary schools; parking and waiting in restricted areas and double parking.
3. Tackle and reduce anti-social behaviour at Thistle Foundation

Craigmillar Police Station 'Doors' Open Day

Between 11am and 4pm on Sunday 25th September, Craigmillar Police Station took part in the Cockburn Association Edinburgh Open Doors day. The event was a chance to show partnership working in the East Neighbourhood.

Nearly 700 people visited the event and were provided with a fun and educational look behind the scenes, including the history of policing in the area, custody suite and interactive displays from police specialist services (Mounted Section, Dog Section, Marine Unit) as well as displays from the Fire and Ambulance services, SSPCA, RNLI, Edinburgh Council Community Safety Team, Historic Scotland and Kids In The Street.

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